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SUBJ: ZAIRE PRESS NOTES FAILURE OF ISRAELI DIPLOMACY

1. APPARENTLY CONCERNED BY BELGIAN JOURNALIST'S REMARK THAT PERHAPS ZAIRE HAD BETRAYED ISRAEL BY BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AFTER ALL ISRAEL HAD DONE FOR ZAIRE IN TRAINING PARATROOPS, ETC. "ELIMA" CONTENDS IT IS "THE DIPLOMACY OF THE JEWISH STATE WHICH HAS SERIOUSLY FAILED" AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE "CASCADE" OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO HAVE JOINED ZAIRE IN BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

2. ARTICLEREITERATES ZAIRE "FRIEND-VS-BROTHER" DIPLOMATIC DILEMMA AND ENUNCIATES ONCE AGAIN THAT THOUGH ZAIRE APPRECIATED ISRAELI HELP, IT WAS STILL ALL FINANCED THROUGH THE ZAIRE BUDGET, THUS "IT IS CLEAR THAT ISRAELI-ZAIROIS COOPERATION COST THE HEBREW STATE NOTHING." "ELIMA" THEN PICKS UP MOBUTU ALMOST OFF-HAND REMARK ABOUT THE "FIRST TRAITOR BEING A JEW AND NOT A ZAIROIS", POINTING OUT THAT "IT IS THE HEBREW STATE WHICH HAS THE REPUTATION OF HAVING HISTORY'S FIRST KNOWN TRAITOR."

3. "THE FACTS SHOW," THE ARTICLE GOES ON, "THAT IT

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IS ISRAEL ITSELF WHICH HAS BETRAYED ITS AFRICAN FRIENDS IN

ENCOURAGING PORTUGAL AND THE COLONISTS OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA IN THEIR SORDID ENTERPRISE OF OPRESSING THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA."

4. THESE FACTS, SAYS THE ARTICLE, INDICATED THAT "HISTORY IS ONCE AGAIN CONFIRMED; THE TRAITORS ARE AMONG THE JEWS. WE CAN THUS ASK OURSELVES: WHO HAS BETRAYED WHOM?"

5. COMMENT: THOUGH ARTICLE ONCE AGAIN TAKES PAINS TO POINT OUT ZAIRE'S RELATIVELY (UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES) "MODERATE" ATTITUDE TOWARD FORMER "FRIEND" ISRAEL, IT ECHOS EXACTLY MOBUTU REPLY TO QUESTION IN PRESS CONFERENCE OF OCTOBER 25 ON SAME SUBJECT.

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